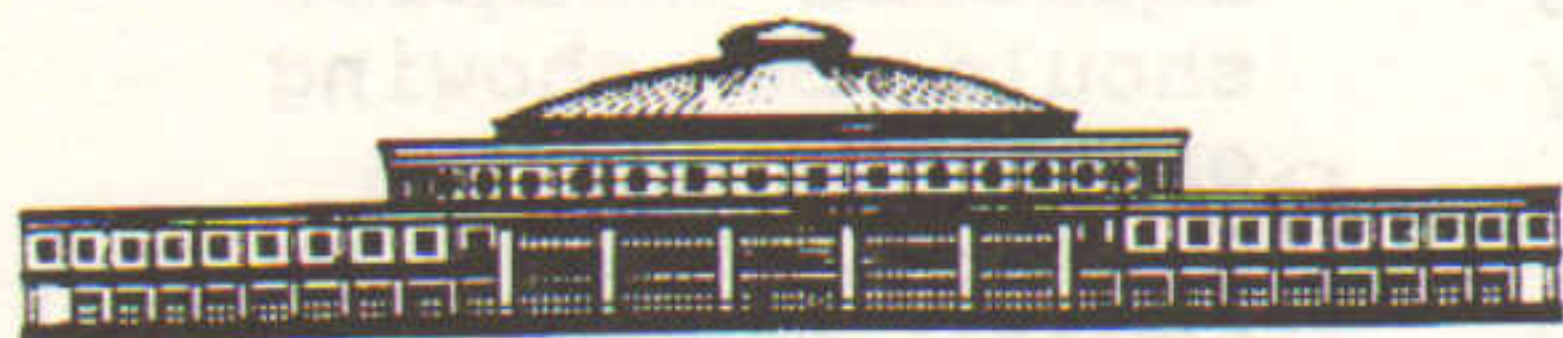


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas E. Umphrey

THIS YEAR education has been identified as the number one problem facing Alabamians. In the past we were taught that a college education should be the goal for our children. Yet, statistics show only 20% of the jobs in the United States in the year 2000 will require a BS degree or higher. Only half of the students in four year colleges who enter after high school will eventually receive their degree, and the college dropout rate is at an all time high. Even more alarming is the fact that over the next 10 years only one-third of the new college graduates will be successful in finding work in their field.

On the other end of the spectrum, we hear some

voices say students don't need post secondary education. These people believe the world is the same as it was 30 years ago, and students can virtually enter the work force untrained and unskilled. This idea is also false and a disservice to the people of this state.

The truth is 65% of the jobs in this country in the year 2000 will require more than a high school education. Industries with the highest annual job growth rates will be business services, leisure and recreation services, non-banking financial institutions and social services. Two out of three firms plan to expand their temporary work force during the next three years as corporations continue to down size. Women will continue to enter the work force in record numbers.

The need for two year colleges will increase over the next decade as the country continues to wrestle with these problems.

I want you to know I appreciate your efforts, both inside and outside the classroom. When you read or hear these misconceptions, please point out the true facts. Unfortunately, perception becomes reality. It's imperative that we get the

correct information out to the people of this state.

PHI THETA KAPPA CHAPTER RECEIVES HONORS

Phi Theta Kappa, Shelton's national community college honorary, was recently named a "Five-Star Chapter" at the Alabama regional Phi Theta Kappa convention. The Epsilon Iota Chapter has continually proven itself an exemplary model of PTK's four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. As a Five-Star Chapter, Shelton will be recognized at the 79th International Convention of PTK that will be held in Dallas, Texas, in April.

Meredith Mettee was elected regional secretary at the convention. Other students attending the regional conference were Keena Calloway, Emily Mitchum, and Amye Clemmons. Students planning to attend the international convention are Emily Mitchum, Amye Clemmons, Meredith Mettee, and Keena Calloway.

Serving the Shelton chapter as officers are: Emily Mitchum, president; Keena Calloway, vice president - finance; Kevin Windham, vice president -

scholarship; Cassandra Jones, vice president for service; Eric Anders, vice president - communications, Amye Clemmons, vice president - leadership; and Martha Key, vice president - fellowship. Serving as advisors for the PTK at Shelton are Linda Grote and Brenda Ryan.

SPARKS NAMED 1997 MISS SHELTON STATE

CHRISTINE SPARKS WAS SELECTED THE 1997 MISS SHELTON STATE DURING THE RECENT PAGEANT HELD ON THE SKYLAND CAMPUS. A graduate of Holt High School, Sparks is a sophomore at the college and is majoring in respiratory therapy. After completing the program, she hopes to work at a hospital in Birmingham.

Ms. Sparks is excited about the Miss Alabama Pageant and is looking forward to getting ready for it. She plans to keep the same talent for the Miss Alabama Pageant with her interpretation of "What Did I Have that I don't Have Now?" She plans to attend Shelton during the Summer Semester and is looking forward to her reign as Miss Shelton State.

She is the daughter of

Madison and Brenda Sparks and has two older brothers, Charlie Wise and Michael Sparks.

C E L E B R A T I N G C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E M O N T H

On Tuesday, April 15, from 12 noon - 2 p.m. and Wednesday, April 16, from 6-9 p.m., Shelton's Spanish Club and Fazoli's of Northport will host an all-you-can-eat fiesta. The cost is a low \$4.29 plus tax and you will receive unlimited bread sticks, spaghetti, and free drink refills. One dollar of your purchase will be donated to the Mabel Harries Endowed Spanish Scholarship.

Bring your friends and come out for a good cause and a good time.

F R O M T H E L I B R A R Y

**DO YOU WANT TO FIND
OUT ABOUT A
PARTICULAR SOFTWARE
PACKAGE?**

IN THE SKYLAND LIBRARY, EVEN THE TECHNOLOGICALLY-IMPAIRED CAN LOCATE COMPUTER SOFTWARE REVIEWS IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. IF YOU WANT TO SURF THE 'NET,' SOFTWARE REVIEWS ARE ONLY THREE CLICKS AWAY AT YOUR NEAREST I N T E R N E T WORKSTATION. To locate product

reviews on computer software, go to one of the work stations in the library. "Yahoo!" is the default database which should be showing on the screen.

From this screen, scroll down and click on Computers (One of the subheadings). At the next screen, enter the name of the software (E.G., Microsoft Office, C C : n m a i l , Powerpoint, etc.) in the box and click on the search button. You will be shown a listing of all "hits" with the name of the software and from this list you click one more time on reviews.

If "Yahoo!" is not on the screen when you arrive at the work station, click on the Home button to return to "Yahoo!" and proceed with the search.

You can also use Software-Reviews-on-File, available at the index tables, to locate printed excerpts of software reviews. Other reviews can be found by using Reader's Guide, also a printed index. For a more high-tech approach, try BusinessLink, a CD-ROM index with articles, currently

located on the reference librarian's desk. All of these resources are available in the Skyland library.

SHELTON TO SPONSOR HEALTH FAIR

Over 38 health care providers, vendors, retail merchants, and other nonprofit organizations will be on hand for Shelton State's spring health fair scheduled for Monday, March 24, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

Dr. Brenda Taylor from St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham will be the featured speaker. A respected OB-GYN, Dr. Taylor will discuss some of the most important health issues facing women over the next decade.

The health fair will offer all kinds of informational booths on health, fitness, and medicine. According to Milady Murphy, there will be everything there from simple snacks and lunch from Manna Grocery to an aerobic dance routine by Gold's Gym Steppers at 1 p.m. Free blood pressure screenings by Emergi-Care as well as information on eye care, weight loss, karate, massage therapy, chiropractic care,

mammograms, prostate cancer, and other health issues will be available. Representatives from the Bryant Museum will also attend. Radio station Arrow 100.7 will also be there as a community service.

There is no cost to attend the health fair. For additional information, call ext. 2994.

FACES 'N PLACES

*Kudos to **SCARLETT WALKER** for volunteering to direct the 1997 Miss Shelton State Pageant. Anyone who has ever worked on the pageant knows the amount of work involved. All of us at Shelton owe Mrs. Walker a great deal for volunteering her services.

*The faculty and staff of Shelton State have received a special invitation from Stillman College to attend a reception honoring **Dr. Cordell Wynn** on Friday, March 21, from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Hay College Center on the Stillman Campus. The reception is hosted by the Stillman College Board of Trustees and the Marriott Corporation. A special presentation will be made to Dr. Wynn beginning at 4 p.m.

*Don't forget to call Shelton's public relations office, ext. 2221, if you have

some ideas for special events for faculty and staff when we complete the move to the new campus. Also, if you can give of your time to plan these events, please let us know.

*The "**Big Rock Cafe**" located on the new campus is doing very well. If you haven't tried the food yet, stop by and grab a quick sandwich or drink. The food service is available from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and again during the hours of evening classes.

*Recently **Jim Jolly** attended a training seminar entitled Leadership for the English Profession sponsored by the National Council Teachers of English. The seminar was limited to 25 participants and Jim applied for and was awarded a scholarship to cover his expenses. The seminar dealt with the diversity of people in the English teaching profession and what the expectations of students are for different subgroups of people who are in the classroom teaching English today. Especially noteworthy is current research indicating that the greatest differences in expectations of students is among the various age groups.

SHELTON'S RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Shelton State's respiratory therapy program recently received notice by the Joint Review Committee For Respiratory Therapy Education that the college's respiratory therapy program has received national accreditation.

In 1994 Shelton's respiratory therapy program was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, and the first class to enroll was a joint effort between Shelton and DCH Regional Medical Center. In 1996 the program moved to the Fredd Campus and expanded its services.

Students entering the program must have completed 30 hours of prerequisites that focus on national sciences, math, and physics. If accepted into the program, students will spend four semesters or 17 months in RT before graduating with an associate degree.

THE SHELTON STATE
SCHEDULE OF SUMMER
CLASSES WILL BE
INSERTED IN THE
TUSCALOOSA NEWS ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 13.
COPIES OF THE SCHEDULE
MAY BE PICKED UP ON
THE SKYLAND CAMPUS
BEGINNING APRIL 14.
SHELTON STATE'S NEW
CATALOG WILL BE OUT

MAY 1.

ONE CALL DOES IT ALL-

ONE SCHEDULE. ONE
CALENDAR. ONE CALL.
To schedule an event,
meeting, call Cindy at
ext 3915.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

MARCH 16

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Central Alabama -
There. 1 p.m.

*VOICE RECITAL
Jennifer Wyatt
Covenant Presbyterian
Church. 2:30 p.m.

MARCH 17

*ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 18

*TUESDAY MUSIC CONCERT
Skyland Auditorium.
1 p.m.

*QUALITY COUNCIL
Old Wellness Center -
Skyland. 3:30 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Walker College, There
4 p.m.

*MUSIC DEPARTMENT -
SPRING CONCERT
Covenant Presbyterian
Church. 7 p.m.

MARCH 19

*STUDENT SERVICES
STAFF MEETING
Dean Lee's Office -
Skyland. 9 a.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
LBW - Here. 2 p.m.

*SI TEAM #4
Room 319-Skyland
3:15 p.m.

MARCH 20

*ASSET TEST. 9 a.m.

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Bevill-Fayette. There.
2 p.m.

MARCH 21

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Southern Union. Here.
1 p.m.

*MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
AUDITIONS
Room 306 - Skyland.
1 p.m.

MARCH 22

*SPANISH CLUB BAKE
SALE. KmartNorthport.
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MARCH 24

*MAINTENANCE STAFF
MEETING
Room 1050B- NC. 9 a.m.

*HEALTH FAIR
Wellness Center - NC.
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 25

*VPAC MEETING. 10 a.m.

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Bishop State. There.
1 p.m.

*TUESDAY MUSIC CONCERT
Skyland auditorium.
1 p.m.

MARCH 26

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Lake Land. Here. 1 p.m.

*WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Selma. Here. 2 p.m.

MARCH 27

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Triton. Here. 1 p.m.

MARCH 28

*GOOD FRIDAY
*CASUAL DAY
*ZENER MILLER.
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MARCH 29

*MEN'S BASEBALL
Faulkner State. There.
2 p.m.

MARCH 30

*HAPPY EASTER

MARCH 31

*SPRING BREAK BEGINS!